

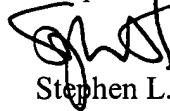
Remarks

This case stands allowed with the base issue fee due on or before 16 December 2003. The present Amendment after Allowance is filed to include a reference to a parent case, US serial no. 09/705,056, filed 2 November 2000, which was pending on the filing date of the present application, that is, on 12 March 2001, and is now abandoned. The present application is a continuation in part of the parent case and has a common inventor, to wit, James W. Forbes.

Upon proper entry of the priority claim, the case should be allowable. The base issue fee is being paid in an accompanying paper. This filing is made to provide the applicant the opportunity to comply with 37 CFR 1.78.

In view of the foregoing arguments, the applicant submits that the entry of the above amendment does not change the patentability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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